



Royal College
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Safety For All

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Welcome

A warm welcome to the RCP

- > Membership organisation with over 40,000 members world wide
- > Our strategic priority is about Educating, Influencing and Improving
- > Throughout our strategic themes, patient outcomes and patient safety are integral

How do we support patient safety?

Working through our strategic priorities we:

- > Have access to and work with multi-professional teams in all our work
- > Engage and collaborate with our Patient and Carer Network (PCN)
- > As part of any invited service review, we always review patient safety
- > Coordinate and lead a wide ranging Patient safety committee
- > Set clinical standards that build patient safety and measure them
- > Educate our clinicians



I strongly believe that, through meaningful involvement of patients and carers, the lay person can have a voice in shaping safer and ever more patient centric services in the future.



Lynne Quinney, Patient Panel member

Medication Safety

Co-produced with our PCN and other multi-professional stakeholders we developed a series of resources but of particular relevance for patients was the medications safety checklist

<https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/projects/outputs/medication-safety-hospital-discharge-improvement-guide-and-resource>



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Using medicines safely when you leave hospital

When leaving hospital with medicines, there can be a lot of information to take in. This checklist will help make sure you have the right information about your medicines.

How to use this checklist
This checklist will highlight important points and help you to get more support, although there may still be other information you need to know. Before you leave hospital, read and use this checklist alongside discussions with healthcare professionals and other information you're given about your medicines, including your discharge summary. It's a good idea to make notes as well. If you're a carer or family member who usually looks after medicines for someone, you might also find this useful.

Questions to consider before you leave hospital	Yes	No
I know each of the medicines I need to take when I leave hospital, including the name, dose, how often I should take them, side effects to look out for and any special instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know if any changes have been made to the medicines I was taking before I came into hospital, and why (including any new or stopped medicines)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know what all my medicines are for and the reasons I'm taking them	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know when and who to speak to if my medicines aren't working as expected, if I'm experiencing any side effects or if I'm finding them hard to take as directed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know how long I need to take each of my medicines for. I realise that some may be long-term medicines and others may be just for a short period, or reviewed after a certain amount of time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know what to do if I miss a dose of any of my medicines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medication supply – I know: a) how many days' worth of medicines I have (including medicines at home, medicines brought into hospital and medicines supplied by the hospital) b) where I can get further supply from c) when I need to request more Further supply may be from the GP, hospital or elsewhere. Leave plenty of time for this, especially for new medicines and over weekends and bank holidays.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know where I should store my medicines once I leave hospital, including an up-to-date list of the medicines I'm taking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have someone has arranged for somebody to help me with my medicines when I'm at home, if I need it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Further information (including who and how):	<input type="text"/>	

Often, healthcare organisations were aware of potential safety concerns and had already taken steps to improve care



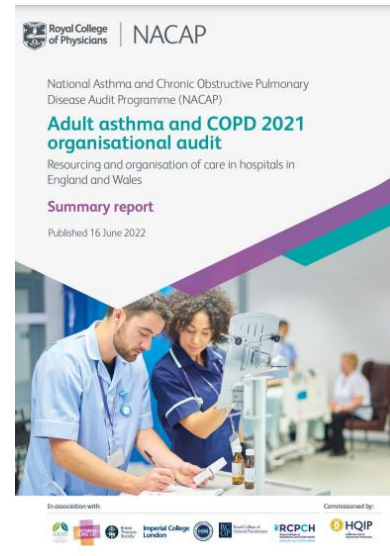
Patient Safety Committee

The purpose of the Patient Safety Committee, with representation from RCP, specialist societies and other stakeholder organisations, is to improve the safety of patients receiving care from our fellows, members and the multi-disciplinary teams within which they work in all four countries of the UK and internationally.



Setting and measuring Standards

- > Commissioned by NHSE to deliver two national audits both with direct impact on patient safety
- > Run 6 national accreditation programmes in areas ranging from gastroscopy services to inpatient diabetes care



Educating and supporting our clinicians

- > Work to support our fellows and members to develop skills in patient safety
- > Ensure we support clinicians who are 'second victims'
- > Influence and support the development and implementation of the patient safety syllabus
- > Share learning from mortality reviews
- > Support the implementation of the Patient Safety Incident Response Framework



Culture is critical

- > Pressures in the system now
- > Modelling a patient safety culture – no blame but committed to continuous learning

Thank you
for your attention

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